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SUBJECT: ILO STRUCTURE - US VIEWS

REF: A) PARIS 829(NOTAL) B) PARIS 969 (NOTAL) C) PARIS 1007 D) PARIS 1076

1. FOR PARIS: PER STRATEGY PROPOSED BY FORTUIT PARA 7 REF-

TEL C, YOU MAY INFORM HIM THAT EMBASSY BONN BEING INSTRUCTED MAKE APPROACH ON THIS SUBJECT TO FRG. REQUEST YOU ENCOURAGE QUAI TO DO LIKEWISE. PLEASE ADVISE WHEN APPROACH MADE AND RESULT.

2. FOR BONN: POST SHOULD APPROACH FONOFF TO INFORM THEM THAT USG CANNOT AGREE TO ANY FORMAL MODIFICATION IN COMPOSITION OR SIZE ILO GOVERNING BODY, TO REQUEST THEIR SUPPORT FOR US POSITION, AND SPECIFICALLY TO ASK FRG TO USE ITS INFLUENCE TO PERSUADE UK AND ITALY TO SUPPORT US POSITION ALSO. POST SHOULD TELL FRG THAT STRUCTURE ISSUE, WHILE NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN LETTER OF INTENT, IS RELEVANT, SINCE STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS (SEE REFTELS) WOULD, IF ENACTED, RESULT IN INCREASED EROSION OF TRIPARTISM (THROUGH EFFECT ON WORKER AND EMPLOYER GROUPS) AND, BY ADDING MORE THIRD WORLD REPRESENTATION, INCREASED POLITICIZATION AND DILUTION OF IMEC STRENGTH IN VOTING. US BELIEVES THAT

INTRODUCING FORMAL GEOGRAPHICAL/REGIONAL CRITERIA INTO CHOICE OF GB GOV'T MEMBERS WOULD INEVITABLY LEAD TO SUBSEQUENT EFFORT TO IMPOSE SAME CRITERIA FOR CHOOSING WORKER/EMPLOYER MEMBERS OF GB, THUS RESTRICTING PRESENT FREEDOM OF THESE GROUPS TO ELECT THEIR GB REPS AUTONOMOUSLY. THE US ALSO BELIEVES THAT FURTHER INCREASES IN SIZE GB WOULD MAKE THAT BODY UNWIELDY, AND THAT 10 NON-ELECTIVE SEATS ON GB GUARANTEE CONTINUITY TO GB DELIBERATIONS. (POST IS REMINDED THAT IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE WAS STRESSED BY AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN DURING HIS VISIT TO BONN.) PLEASE ADVISE WHEN APPROACH MADE AND RESULT. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. FOR LONDON, ROME, OTTAWA, BRUSSELS, TOKYO: PLEASE MAKE APPROACH SIMILAR TO THAT REQUESTED OF BONN. KISSINGER

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